

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 3, 5, 7 and 11 are amended, claims 1-2 and 10 are canceled, and claims 3-9 and 11-13 are pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner forward a copy of the form PTO-892 (page 1 of 2) upon the next communication from the Patent Office: only page 2 of 2 of the PTO-892 was received.

Further, the Official Action Summary indicates that the PTO-1449 was attached, however no form PTO-1449 was returned. It is respectfully requested the Examiner forward a copy of the completed form PTO-1449, dated and initialed by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP 609.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-9 and 11-13. Claims 3, 5, 7 and 11 have been amended in independent form to include the limitations of their independent claims and any intervening claims. Hence, it is believed claims 3-9 and 11-13 are allowable.

Claims 1-2 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,567,932 to Edwards et al. The cancellation of claims 1-2 and 10 renders this rejection moot.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-0687, under Order No. 95-359, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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